

Signal Light Maintenance Tip

Moggie Mechanic



A quick tip for replacing the bulb or glass in your signal light:

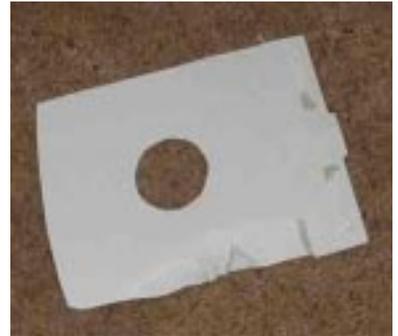
I have noticed that many of the club's Morgans are adorned front and back with signal lights that have either a red, white or orange dome-shaped glass lens. These frequently become very rusty inside the black rubber that is supposed to protect them and also there is need at times to replace the bulb.

The lens is fairly easy to remove, as you use a slotted screwdriver to pry back the rubber surround, remove the chrome circle and then remove the glass lens. What you find inside may lead you to need a new socket, which can be purchased from any of the usual Morgan suppliers.

Fred Sisson in his book "The Morgan Driver's Bedside Reader" also has an excellent method of making yourself a new fitting out of parts readily available at a "yuppie parts store" for around \$3.00.

The part of the task that I have found the most difficult is getting the lens and chrome surround back into the rubber mounting without the accidental scratching of the surrounding paintwork. There is a certain amount of pressure that is required to pry back the rubber to get the chrome ring seated correctly and a little too much pressure results in the rubber surrounds bending too much and the screwdriver scratching across the paint (oops!).

I have taken the front of an old cereal box and cut a hole in the centre so that it fits neatly over the light. (fig 1). I place this over the light fitting before starting any work (fig 2) and it has saved me numerous scratches.



The front light is quite close to the headlight so I have to bend the cardboard to get it under the headlight but it still protects the paint and makes working with the screwdriver much safer for my paintwork.



I have found that a little Dum Dum Strip Caulk (available from your parts store) placed at the back of the signal light where the wires enter the rubber protector seems to stop a lot of the water from getting into the rubber protector and makes your sockets last longer.

Spray the socket, inside and out with WD-40 before replacing. Also make sure that your lens is inside the inner rubber circle and then your chrome circle goes in the space between the two circles of rubber so that you have a good seal. If the rubber has gone very hard you may have to replace this piece of rubber but it also is readily available from British car suppliers.

MOGNW Fan Mail

Marv Coulthard

This month we got some young fan mail:
Hello

I, Simon and my sister Teresa collect lapel pins, also such from automotive. We want to ask if you have pins and you are able to send us one, if it's possible. For your efforts we can send our drawing of a funny car, if you like. I'm 12 years and Teresa 10 years old. A key chain is also very welcome.



Thank you very much for your help.

Many Greetings

*Simon + Teresa Geislinger
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I followed this up with an email to Dick Dice who obliged and sent 2 of our club pins. We got the following reply:

Hello Mr. Dice

Thank you very much for the very nice pins, they arrived today. That was very kind of you. Here is our drawing of a funny car. Many Greetings, Simon + Teresa

Special Upcoming Events

Event: Classic Auto Show at the Strawberry Festival

When: Sunday, June 25, 10 AM to 4 PM

Entry Fee: \$15; **Registration Deadline:** June 1

Vehicles: Open to all vehicles 1985 and older

Location: Main Street and 102nd Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Website: www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org (PDF registration)

Contact: Tim Johnson, 425-455-1629/tc.johnson@comcast.net

My goal this year is to get 100 cars - all makes and sizes. Judging will be done by public ballot. The intention of the show is to bring together a variety of vehicles for everyone to enjoy!

Event: Brits 'Round BC - Kamloops to Penticton

When: Sunday, June 25 to Friday, June 30

Registration Deadline: April 15 (a "soft" deadline)

Vehicles: Open to all British cars, no club membership required

Website: www.oecc.ca/brbc (complete information & registration)

Contact: Steve Hutchens, 360-733-3568/sp Hutchens@hotmail.com

Join British car enthusiasts for 672 miles of scenic touring in Beautiful British Columbia. A leisurely pace allows relaxed opportunities to soak in hot springs, savor scenery, enjoy shopping, and tour historic sites. Ends in Penticton for the start of Rally in the Valley. Make it a week of fantastic Morganearing!